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Applicants: A.F. Dalia et al.

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Application No.: 10/606,626

Group Art Unit: 2186

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Title: LOOKUP PARTITIONING STORAGE SYSTEM AND METHOD

**PETITION TO ACCEPT SUBSTITUTE DECLARATION**

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

When the above-identified application was filed, the cover sheet identified Apurva Dalia, Craig Allen Harry, Nishant Dani, Shan Jiang, Brad Dean Thompson, Bradley J. Barrows, and David R. Shutt as inventors. Included in the filing papers was a declaration identifying Apurva F. Dalia, Craig Allen Harry, Michael A. Pacholec, and Robert Thompson Whitney as inventors. This declaration identified the invention by the title "Address Book Clearinghouse Interface System and Method." Concurrently, another application (No. 10/606,991) was filed. The latter application included a cover sheet that identified Apurva F. Dalia, Craig Allen Harry, Michael A. Pacholec, and Robert Thompson Whitney as inventors and identified the invention as ADDRESS BOOK CLEARINGHOUSE INTERFACE SYSTEM AND METHOD. The latter application included a declaration signed by Apurva F. Dalia, Craig Allen Harry, Nishant Dani, Shan Jiang, Brad Dean Thompson, Bradley J. Barrows, and David R. Shutt that identified the invention as LOOKUP PARTITIONING STORAGE SYSTEM AND METHOD, the title of the above-identified application.

It is clear that the declarations of the two applications were inadvertently switched during the processing of the applications. As a result, applicants (Apurva F. Dalia, Craig Allen Harry, Nishant Dani, Shan Jiang, Brad Dean Thompson, Bradley J. Barrows, and David R. Shutt) respectfully request that the attached photocopy of the declaration for this application titled LOOKUP PARTITIONING STORAGE SYSTEM AND METHOD, which was incorrectly filed in Application No. 10/606,991, be accepted in this application, the records of the Patent Office

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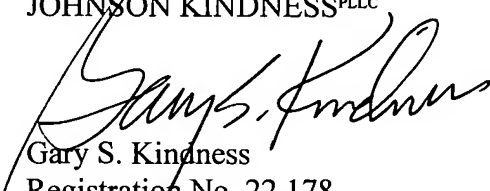
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be updated accordingly to correctly identify these seven inventors, and a corrected filing receipt be issued. A similar petition is currently being filed in Application No. 10/606,991.

Enclosed is our check No. 152724 in the amount of \$130 to cover the cost of this petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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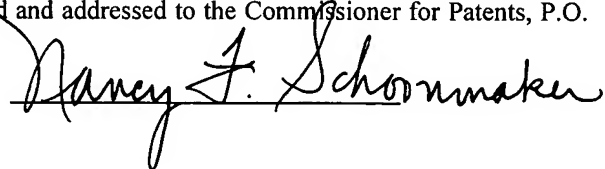


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